Prevention of ecological Disruptions of Tourist Spots

1434. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state: state:

(a) what precautions are being taken to prevent ecological disruptions in our bid for tourism development for earning more foreign exchange;

(b) what is the current ecological status of tourist spots in Kovalam, Mahabalipuram, Thekkady and Puri;

(c) whether any mechanism is in operation to monitor regularly the environmental factors in the all major tourist spots; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (d) While planning for tourism development, ecological factors are given due consideration. Precautions taken in this regard include ban on construction of Tourist Resorts up to 500 metres of the high tide line in coastal areas except for selected beaches where construction is permitted subject to certain safeguards and guidelines, controlled development in Wildlife Sanctuaries, etc. No specific study has been conducted to assess the current ecological status of Kovalam, Mahabalipuram, Thekkady and Puri. However, the respective State Governments have been asked to prepare status reports of coastal areas which include the tourist spots in these areas. Under the Water (Prevention and Control) Act, 1974 and Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the State Pollution Control Boards have been set up for monitoring the pollution control measures.

Drug Addiction in University Campuses

1435. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in most of the University campuses in the country, drug addiction is prevalent amongst the youth;and

(b) if so, what remedial steps are being taken by Government to save our young generation from this evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) No study has been conducted about the incidence of drug addiction in university campuses. However, the prevention of drug abuse has been receiving attention and the University Grants Commission has written to all the Vice-Chancellors about the necessity for control and preventive measures against drug abuse and that steps be taken to create awareness about the consequences of drug addiction. A number of universities have taken various measures in this direction including introduction of counselling and guidance with a focus on drug abuse control.

Food assistance project of UN World Food Programmes

1436. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 2.12 million women and children in five States are likely to be benefited from Food Assistance Project of the UN World Food Programme;

(b) if so, the details of beneficiaries of this project, approved at Rome; and

(c) the names of the States likely to get benefit therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND

WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. About 2.12 million women and children in five States will benefit from the UN World Food Programme Food Assistance Project.

(b) and (c) The World Food Programme has been extending food aid for Supplementary Nutrition to children below 6 years, pregnant women and nursing mothers under the Project 2206. In Expansion Phase-IV the number of beneficiaries approved at Rome are 2.12 million. The five States covered under the programme are Assam,, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The State-wise details of beneficiaries is given below:-

State	No. of Beneficiaries
Assam	1,66,000
Kerala	10,23,000
Madhya Pradesh	2,17,000
Rajasthan	3,14,000
Uttar Pradesh	4,00,000
TOTAL:	21,20,000 or 2.12 million

The WFP have approved the continuation of the project in the above States for the same number of beneficiaries during Expansion Phase-V which is likely to start on 1.1.1990 for two years.

New Programmes of the Institute of Airport Management

1437. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Institute of Airport Management (IAM) propose to start some new programmes;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the said Institute had recently organised a two day national seminar on prevention of bird-hit accidents to the aircraft; and

(d) what were the main subjects discussed in the seminar and to what extent the decisions taken in the seminar would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programmes would relate to certain managerial and professional aspects of Airport and Civil Aviation management.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The seminar mainly discussed issues relating to birds hazard to aircraft operations, the methods and controls to check the menace, environmental and ecological management of aerodromes etc. An Action Plan for Bird Hit prevention has been drawn for implementation by airlines and local bodies to minimise the hazard.

Clearance to the Nhava Sheva Port Project

1438. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given clearance to the Nhava Sheva Port Project; and

(b) if so, what are the conditions put by the Ministry of Environment and Forests while clearing the project and to what extent the Port would be beneficial for the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) and (b) The Nhava Sheva Port Project was sanctioned by the Government in September, 1983. While giving their concurrence to Revised Cost Estimates of the Project, the Ministry of Environment